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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of August 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On Page 13, beginning on line 7, please delete and replace the entire first full paragraph as follows:

A DIBOC-based ATM switch in accordance with the more preferred embodiment of the invention advantageously implements priority/port-based and a connection-based congestion control strategy. For that purpose, output control 580 must know the present backlog of data units buffered in the P stores in data buffer 550 corresponding to output port 540, and must know more generally backlog in the I x P stores in the aggregate of data buffers corresponding to output port 540. Output control 580 therefore has I x P physical memories. Each